

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:) **For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR**
Paul E. Jacobs) **EXTRACTING, DECODING, AND UTILIZING**
) **HIDDEN DATA EMBEDDED IN AUDIO**
) **SIGNALS**
)
Serial No.: 09/805,679)
) **Group Art Unit: 2135**
Filed: March 13, 2001)
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ELECTION

Commissioner of Patents
 Alexandria, VA 22313
 Attention: April Ying Shan, Examiner

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2007.

In the office action, the examiner advanced a requirement for restriction alleging two patentably distinct species of the invention are contained in Inventions I: claims 1 – 10, and 15-16, and Invention II Claims 11-14.

The inventions of Invention I, claims 1 – 10, and 15-16, are elected for prosecution with traverse. The claims of Inventions II are hereby withdrawn and Applicant reserves the right to prosecute them in further divisional or continuation applications.

In light of the foregoing, the Examiner's reconsideration of this application with a view toward allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent if a telephone call could help solve any remaining items.

Respectfully submitted,

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